

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
70 MAPLE STREET
MANISTEE, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 2, 2002

A meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, May 2, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Ferguson, Ray Fortier, Dave Kelley, John Serocki and Tony Slawinski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Davis, Joyce Jeruzal, Phil Picardat and Roger Yoder

OTHERS : Jeff Mikula (Abonmarche), Jon R. Rose (Community Development) and Denise Blakeslee (City Staff)

Meeting was open at 7:10 p.m. by Vice Chair Ray Fortier

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

CITIZEN QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes, April 4, 2002

MOTION by Tony Slawinski, seconded by Greg Ferguson that the minutes of the April 2, 2002 Planning Commission Meeting be approved. Motion approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Amend Agenda

Jon Rose asked the members of the Planning Commission if they would amend the agenda to add U.S. 31 Corridor Study as item #3 under New Business.

MOTION by Dave Kelley, seconded by John Serocki that the agenda be amended to add U.S. 31 Corridor Study as item #3 under New Business. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Space/Cluster Zoning

The Planning Commission received a copy of a sample Zoning Amendment for Open Space/Cluster Zoning. The City of Manistee will need to adopt language for Open Space/Cluster Zoning under the new Planning Act. This language will need to be in place prior to December 16, 2002. The Planning Commission reviewed the information that was received at a seminar in March regarding the new Planning Act.

Members of the Planning Commission discussed this new requirement and the impact that it could have on the community. To meet the requirements of the Planning Act we will need to publish a notice for the Zoning Amendment in the newspaper, hold a public hearing, approve language then forward to City Council for adoption.

Members of the Planning Commission will continue their discussion on Open Space/Cluster Zoning during the June Planning Commission Meeting.

May Worksession Date

Historically worksessions for the Planning Commission are held the third Thursday of each month. Annually members of the Planning Commission take a bus tour to review the previous years projects at the May Worksession. Joyce Jeruzal asked at the April Worksession if the date of the May Worksession could be changed from May 16th to May 9th because she was going to be out of town. Consensus from the group was that it would not be a problem. A motion would be needed from the Planning Commission to change the worksession date from May 16th to May 9th.

MOTION by Tony Slawinski, seconded by Dave Kelley that the date of the May Worksession be changed from May 16, 2002 to May 9, 2002. Motion approved unanimously.

U.S. 31 Corridor Study

Jon Rose handed out a draft copy of Memorandum of Understanding that is being prepared by MDOT for local governments and road authorities along the U.S.31 Corridor to voluntarily coordinate planning, land use, driveway permit and road improvements. Jon Rose spoke about the committee that is working with MDOT for a grant to provide a study of the U.S. 31 Corridor from M-22 south through the City of Manistee.

This study is to try to determine a plan for curb cuts, zoning, road improvements to handle the increasing amounts of traffic along U.S. 31. The City of Manistee would like the endorsement of the Planning Commission for this study since part of the study may recommend specific zoning along the corridor.

Jon Rose is the City's representative on the committee and will update the members as the study moves forward. Greg Ferguson questioned the amount \$40,000 that will be used to fund the study. Mr. Rose said that this funding will be paid for by a grant and match monies from the participants. Mr. Ferguson asked if \$40,000 was enough money for the study or if more money should be spent for a more detailed study.

MOTION by John Serocki, seconded by Tony Slawinski that the City of Manistee Planning Commission endorse the proposed U.S. 31 Corridor Study.

Motion passed 4 - 1 with voting as follows:

Yes	-	Ray Fortier, David Kelley, John Serocki and Tony Slawinski
No	-	Greg Ferguson

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

Denise spoke with Jerry Adams of LSL and he plans to go on the bus tour. Jerry has 8 sites that he would like to review with the Planning Commission and will be incorporated with the bus tour. Members were reminded that the Bus will leave City Hall promptly at 6:00 p.m.

WORK/STUDY SESSION


None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by John Serocki, seconded by Tony Slawinski that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary